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April 26, 2017

Mr. Todd J. Thurlow
Director
Immigration and Customs Enforcement
1000 District Avenue
Burlington, MA, 01803

Dear Mr. Thurlow:

I am writing on behalf of my constituent, Mr. and Mrs. Luis Barrios of [REDACTED] Derby, Connecticut 06418. Mr. and Mrs. Barrios contacted me regarding Mr. Barrios' deportation matter. I am deeply concerned about this situation as Mr. Barrios and his family are my constituents and his children are United States citizens.

As you are aware, Mr. Barrios is scheduled to be deported on May 4, 2017. According to his attorney of record, Erin O'Neil-Baker, Mr. Barrios has resided in the United States for 24 years, is married with 4 children, and maintains a job and home in Derby, Connecticut. During his 24 years he has had no criminal record and has been a contributing member to the community. I have read countless letters from his fellow parishioners at Saint Louis Church in West Haven and others, all of whom attest to his moral character, his work ethic, his integrity and caring nature as a father and worthy role model for his children and the community. In addition, his family and friends are justifiably concerned for his welfare and safety in Guatemala. As you know, members of his and his wife's family have been kidnapped and murdered as recently as 2010. I believe returning him to Guatemala with this history is immoral and unconscionable.

I am asking for your consideration on Attorney O'Neil-Baker's Motion to Reopen Order of Removal and an emergency Stay of Deportation. I am mindful of the fact that a provision of the law permits his deportation, but it does not require it. I am also keenly aware that Mr. Barrios was granted a Stay of Removal and was never considered a priority until his recent check-in with Immigration officials. Therefore, I am requesting prosecutorial discretion in this matter, and fair-minded consideration of the entirety of Mr. Barrios' contributions to society and obligations to support and care for his family.

I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss this case with you personally by telephone prior to May 4. Please feel free to have your staff contact my assistant, Marilyn Cheyne, to schedule this call. My office telephone number is 203-562-3718.

Sincerely,


ROSA L. DeLAURO
Member of Congress

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April 27, 2017

Mr. David L. Neil
Chairman
Board of Immigration Appeals
United States Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20530-0001

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Please feel to contact my special assistant, Marilyn Cheyne, should you need additional information.

Sincerely,



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